## REMARKS

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Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 are subject to a restriction requirement by the Examiner. Claims 8-10 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 has been amended for clarity. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

## Reply to the Restriction of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner has restricted Claims 1-10 to one of the following inventions -

- Claims 1-7, drawn to a thickener composition, classified in class 524, subclass 797.
- Claim 8 and 9, drawn to a coating composition, classified in class 106, subclass 5.
- III. Claim 10, drawn to a method of thickening a composition, classified in class 524, subclass 800+.

Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group I.

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